

Extracted from Kelly's Directory

of Shropshire

1937

CHURCH PULVERBATCH is a large parish, including the hamlets of Castle Pulverbatch, Cothercott, Wrentnall and Wilderley: Church Pulverbatch is near the old road from Shrewsbury to Bishop's Castle, 4 miles west from Dorrington station on the Shrewsbury and Hereford joint London, Midland and Scottish and Great Western railway, 4 miles south-south-east from Plealey Road station on the Shrewsbury and Minsterley joint branch line of the same railway and 8 south-south-west from Shrewsbury, in the Shrewsbury division of the county, Condovery division of Condovery hundred, Atcham rural district, Shrewsbury county court district, petty sessional division of Condovery, rural deanery of Pontesbury, archdeaconry of Ludlow and diocese of Hereford. The church of St. Edith is a modern building of stone chiefly in the Early English style, built on the site of an old Saxon church; it consists of chancel, nave of three bays, north aisle, south porch and a western tower containing a clock and 6 bells; the church was re-opened after repair June 1, 1853, and has sittings for 241 persons. The register dates from the year 1542. The living is a rectory, net yearly value £457, including 44½ acres of glebe, with residence, in the gift of Wrekin College, and held since 1931 by Rev. Oliver Goodman Crockett B.A. of Corpus Christi College, Cambridge. A village hall was erected in 1921 opposite the church schools. Miss M. Perkins, by will dated 1856, left £400, now producing £10 yearly, and Miss Mary Ann Corrie, by will dated 1924, left £100, producing about £4 10s. yearly, which sums are distributed to the poor at the discretion of the rector and Parish Council. The principal landowners are Hugh Penrith Morgan esq. and Mr. Colin Wilfred James. The soil is sand and loam; subsoil, rock with part clay. Barytes (or Spa) mines are worked in the parish. Coal mines are in the neighbourhood. The

crops are wheat, turnips and barley. The area of the entire parish is 4,233 acres; the population in 1931 was 338.

PULVERBATCH (Church Town, or "Churton" as it is more familiarly called, to distinguish it from Castle Pulverbatch) has much romantic scenery in the neighbourhood, and is in close proximity to Cothercott hill, with the majestic Wrekin in the distance.

Post, M. O., T. & T. E. D. Office (T. M. O. business not performed), Pulverbatch. Letters through Shrewsbury

CASTLE PULVERBATCH is a small village, about half a mile south, on the high road from Shrewsbury to Bishop's Castle. The principal landowners are Messrs. Edward John Lewis and George Colin Hockenhull.

COTHERCOTT is a small village, 1½ miles south, prettily situated amongst the hills, from which pleasing views of the surrounding country may be obtained. John Bainton Walker esq. is the principal landowner.

WILDERLEY hamlet is about 1 mile south. J. B. Walker esq. is the principal landowner.

WRENTNALL is a hamlet about 1 mile north-west: the scenery around is of a pleasing character. Wrentnall House is the property and residence of Reginald Culcleth Holcroft esq. J.P. There is a Methodist chapel here. R. C. Holcroft esq. J.P. and Messrs. William Bebbington and Joseph Bebbington are the principal landowners.

Carrier to Shrewsbury.—George Mansell, wed. & sat
Conveyance.—Motor omnibus to Shrewsbury, daily

CHURCH PULVERBATCH.

PRIVATE RESIDENTS.
(For T N's see general list of Private Residents at end of book.)
Crockett Rev. Oliver Goodman B.A. (rector), The Rectory
Morgan Hugh Penrith, Churton lodge
Scott Adam, Holly Grove house

COMMERCIAL.
Marked thus ° farm 150 acres or over.
Duggan Wm. cottage farmer, Beeches Hole Charles, shopkeeper
°James Colin Wilfred, farmer
James Wm. E. Pugh, cottage farmer
°Jones Rd. Edwd. farmer, Hugelith Malehurst Barytes Co. Ltd. mine owners (letters through Minsterley, Shrewsbury). T N Minsterley 9
Mansell George, carrier
Morris Jn. farmer
Morris William Albert, farmer
Powell Louisa, farmer, Black Lion
Pritchard Richard Hy. assurance agt
°Pugh Thomas, farmer, Near Bank
Rees Wm. Lewis & Leonard Spence, silver fox farmers
Scott Adam, farmer & landowner

CASTLE PULVERBATCH.

Hockenhull John
COMMERCIAL.
Marked thus ° farm 150 acres or over.
Cocks Mary Amelia (Mrs.), White Horse P.H.
Davies Richard, Woodcock inn
Griffiths Fredk. blacksmith
°Hockenhull Geo. Colin, farmer
Jones John, farmer
Lewis Edwd. Jn. farmer
°Lewis Richd. farmer, Shepton fields
Mansell Samuel, blacksmith
Powell Chas. shopkpr. & sub-post-master
°Preece Sydney, farmer, Lawns
Small Benjamin, carpenter

COTHERCOTT.
(Letters should be addressed Cothercott, Pulverbatch, Shrewsbury.)
COMMERCIAL.
Marked thus ° farm 150 acres or over
Cothercott Mining Co. (letters to be addressed Pontesbury, Shrewsbury)
Evason Alfd. farmer
Morris Thomas J. smallholder
°Morris William Thomas, farmer

WILDERLEY.
(Letters to be addressed, Wilderley, Pulverbatch, Shrewsbury.)
Marked thus ° farm 150 acres or over.
°Davies Thos. Griffiths, farmer

°Madeley M. J. (Mrs.) & Sons, frmrs
Morris Jn. cowkeeper

WRENTNALL.

(Names marked thus * letters to be addressed, Wrentnall, Pulverbatch, Shrewsbury.)
Holcroft Reginald Culcleth J.P.
Wrentnall house
Little Mrs. V. A. New house (postal address, Pulverbatch, Shrewsbury)

COMMERCIAL.
Marked thus ° farm 150 acres or over.
*Bebbington Joseph, farmer
*Bebbington Wm. farmer
Beckett Albt. Edwd. clerk to Parish Council & sec. National Farmers' Union (Pulverbatch branch), Whalleybourne
°Beckett Alfred, farmer
*Bembow Edwd. Geo. farmer
George Hy. Jn. farmer
°Hobson Stanley, farmer, Castle place (letters addressed Longden Common, Shrewsbury)
Jackson Edwd. Bruce, poultry frmr.
Longden Common rd
Perkins Maurice, farmer (letters addressed, Brook farm, Longden rd. Shrewsbury)